



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois September 16, 2019

The Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) convened for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at approximately 1:04 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Gaming Board office on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, Chicago, IL pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Steve Dolins, Member Ruben Ramirez, Member Dionne Hayden and Member Anthony Garcia. Five members of the Board being physically present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 1:05 P.M., Member Dolins moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (11), (14), and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat Gambling Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to specific personnel. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board moved from the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building to the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the building for a closed session meeting; the minutes of which are separately recorded.

At approximately 2:12 P.M., the Board returned to the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, in Chicago, Illinois to reconvene its Regular Meeting of Monday, September 16, 2019 pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Steve Dolins, Member Ruben Ramirez, Member Dionne Hayden and Member Anthony Garcia. Five members of the Board being physically present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 8, 2019. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Chairman Schmadeke opened the meeting by welcoming new IGB member Tony Garcia to his role. The Chairman also stated that he has been impressed with the staff’s commitment and devotion to their jobs in this busy time for the IGB.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board’s newest member, Anthony Garcia, thanked everyone for the warm welcome and stated that he looks forward to working with all.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Fruchter began by noting that, in addition to the IGB's typical work in licensing and generally administering gaming in Illinois, it also has been involved in procuring and reviewing the feasibility study relating to the proposed Chicago casino, drafting emergency and proposed rulemaking, soliciting comments for sports wagering, establishing a system for reporting of conversations between host municipalities and potential casino applicants, and a variety of other items. Administrator Fruchter also indicated that the IGB was approximately 90% complete with its G2S conversion project and that the project should be totally completed by the end of the fall.

The Administrator also announced changes to the Board's future meeting schedule. Specifically, he noted that the scheduled meeting for October 24 has been cancelled, but the IGB added a meeting on November 7th. Further, the IGB cancelled its previously scheduled meeting for November 21, but confirmed that it will meet on December 19 (which has been on the IGB's announced schedule). The Administrator also noted that the IGB plans to announce its 2020 meeting dates before its next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from the following speakers:

Attorney Matthew DiCianni on behalf of location establishment applicant, Angie's Gaming, Inc.

Anita Bedell, Executive Director Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems on the topic of terminal operators and undue economic concentration.

CASINO

RULEMAKING

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice proposed new rules 3000.100, 3000.190, 3000.201 as well as amendments to Rules 3000.100, 3000.200, 3000.606, and 3000.930. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Chairman Schmadeke moved that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREFORE:

The Illinois Gambling Act, Public Act 101-0031, became law on June 28, 2019;

1. As required by the Illinois Gambling Act, the Board retained a nationally recognized casino feasibility consultant (Union Gaming Analytics) with consent from the City of Chicago following a competitive bidding process compliant with the Illinois Procurement Code;

2. On August 11, 2019, Union Gaming Analytics delivered to the Board a Study addressing the feasibility of and ability to finance a casino in the City of Chicago; and
3. As required by the Illinois Gambling Act, the Board delivered copies of the Study to Governor Pritzker, Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Senate President John Cullerton, and House Speaker Michael Madigan on August 12, 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that based on the results of the Study as required by the Illinois Gambling Act, the Board recommends that the General Assembly consider making modifications to the terms of the Chicago casino license authorized under the Illinois Gambling Act.

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREFORE:

1. Section 5 of the Illinois Gambling Act allows the Board to delegate the execution of any of its powers for the purpose of administering and enforcing this act and its rules;
2. The Administrator shall perform any and all duties that the Board shall assign him;
3. Board Rule 3000.230(d) obligates an Applicant or Owners licensee to disclose and obtain formal approval whenever a change is proposed in the areas specified under the above-referenced rule;
4. Board Rule 3000.230(d) authorizes the Board to delegate to the Administrator by resolution the authority to approve changes under Rule 3000.230(d);
5. On September 19, 1995, the Board adopted a resolution that, in part, authorized the Administrator to approve long term capital improvements not exceeding \$5 million;
6. The Board now finds cause to authorize the Administrator to approve capital improvements of greater value.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator shall be authorized to approve the proposed changes to long term capital improvements not exceeding \$10 million, including project-related financing for such improvements.

Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Consideration:

- **Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino-Des Plaines** – Rule 230(d)1 Request

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve **Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino - Des Plaines'** construction request to expand its existing garage and modify an appurtenant exit roadway in an amount not to exceed 22 million dollars; subject to revocation of this approval if the Administrator determines that the terms and condition are not materially consistent with the terms disclosed to the Board. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Casino Queen, Inc. d/b/a Casino Queen** – Request for Initial Consideration and Waiver of the Two Meeting Rule regarding financing transaction.

Member Dolins moved that the Board waive the two meeting rule and delegate authority to the Administrator for final review and approval of **Casino Queen, Inc.'s** request for CQ Holding Company, Inc. to enter into a short-term Term Loan, in an amount not to exceed \$5 million, with Standard General, LP; subject to the final documentation being provided to the Illinois Gaming Board upon execution, and subject to revocation of this approval if the Administrator determines that the terms and conditions are not materially consistent with the terms provided to the Board. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Final Consideration:

- **Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel** – Final Consideration of Owners License Renewal

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve the request by **Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel** to renew its Owners License for a period of four years, expiring in September 2023; and find the following entities and persons suitable as Key Persons of the licensee:

- Caesars Entertainment Corporation
- CEOC, LLC
- Harrah's Illinois, LLC
- Des Plaines Development Holdings, LLC
- Susan H. Carletta
- Jonathan Eilian
- Thomas J. Flynn
- Ernest W. Glidden
- Eric L. Golebiewski
- Eric A. Hession
- Thomas M. Jenkin
- Paul K. Kennedy

- Daniel T. Real
- Karl O. Stingily III
- Cydnel D. Trias; and
- James E. Venuti

Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

Member Ramirez moved that the Board find **Derik Jon Mooberry** suitable as a Key Person of Bally Gaming, Inc. in his role as President. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Level 1 Licenses – Approvals and Denials:

- **Jon Ibarguen – Level 1** – HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora and HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet – VP of Finance

Member Garcia moved that the Board approve **Jon Ibarguen** as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his position as Vice President of Finance for HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora and HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Justin Donsbach – Level 1** – HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora and HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet – Internal Auditor

Member Garcia moved that the Board approve **Justin Donsbach** as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his role as an Internal Auditor for HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora and HC Joliet, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Joliet. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Kelly Renee Mendoza – Level 1** – HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora – Senior Internal Auditor

Member Garcia moved that the Board approve **Kelly Renee Mendoza** as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in her role as Senior Internal Auditor for HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Mitchell Boyd – Level 1** – Southern Illinois Riverboat/Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino – Staff Internal Auditor

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve **Mitchell Boyd** as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his position as Staff Internal Auditor for Southern Illinois Riverboat/Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Harrah's

Metropolis Casino. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Steven Peate – Level 1** – Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton – Vice President & General Manager

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve **Steven Peate** as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his position as Vice President & General Manager for Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Initial Level 2 and Level 3 Licenses – Approvals and Denials:

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve **85 Level 2** and **194 Level 3** occupational licenses and authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to:

- **Ronald William Bertschi**
- **Destiney Jevonne Meane; and**
- **Angela M. Norwood**

Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals:

Member Dolins moved that the Board renew the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in September 2018 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and in compliance with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board's Rules. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINTS

Member Hayden moved that the Board issue a disciplinary complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **Rodney Tyreese Heckard**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **David Stuart Montrez**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote. *Scrivener's note: Licensee's name is Montrez David Stuart and should be reflected as such.*

Member Garcia moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **Arielle Isabel Herrera Hunter**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Garcia moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 2 occupational license of **Albert Daniel Sikirdji**, with that action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Thatalia Renee Garcia**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Garrick Allen Crow**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board rescind disciplinary complaint DC-R-19-028 and issue a notice of denial to applicant **Alec Emerson Bieschke**. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIDEO GAMING

VIDEO GAMING MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR & SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

Member Dolins moved that the Board grant a Video Gaming Manufacturer License to **Inspired Gaming (UK) Ltd.** for a period of one year, expiring in September 2020. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board approve a Video Gaming Distributor License to **Inspired Gaming (USA), Inc.** for a period of one year, expiring in September 2020. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Licenses

- **United Gaming Operator LLC**

Member Dolins moved that the Board table consideration of licensure of **United Gaming Operator LLC's** terminal operator application until such time as the applicant provides the information requested

by staff relative to the residency of its substantial owners. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals

Member Hayden moved move that the Board **renew** the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, expiring September 2020.

1. **Aces Up Gaming LLC; and**
2. **Bell Gaming LLC**

Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials

Member Dolins moved that the Board **approve 4 Technician licenses and 69 Terminal Handler licenses**, and authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to the following individuals:

1. **Ryan Patrick Cullen**
2. **Daniel Patrick Morici**
3. **Tonicka Lashun Harris**
4. **Clinton John Calhoun**

Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board approve **James Lindel Eldridge** for a Terminal Handler license. Member Hayden seconded the motion. Member Ramirez recused himself. The motion passed 4/0 via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Garcia moved that the Board **renew** the **Technician** and **Terminal Handler** licenses that were licensed or renewed in September 2018 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and are in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATIONS

Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

Member Ramirez moved that the Board **approve 115ⁱ Video Gaming Establishment Licenses**, for a period of one year, expiring in September 2020, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before October 31, 2019; and further authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to the following applicants:

1. **Alejandro's Mexican Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Alejandro's Mexican Restaurant (180703009)**
2. **Winnie's Cafe, Inc. d/b/a Winnie's Cafe, Inc. (180702684)**
3. **Arlind Aliu d/b/a Bethalto Family Eagle Nest Restaurant (190700203)**
4. **Angelo's Pizza of Harvard, Inc. d/b/a Angelo's Pizza of Harvard (190700817)**
5. **Ferguson Entertainment LLC d/b/a Gaming Spa (180701770)**
6. **Giovanni's Catering Inc. d/b/a Giovanni's Catering (190701104)**
7. **Pollos Al Carbon El Corral Inc. d/b/a Chapala (170704160)**
8. **Canal Port II, Inc. d/b/a Canal Port (190700023)**
9. **Sally's 4th St. Bistro Inc. d/b/a Sally's 4th St. Bistro (190701375)**
10. **TnTs Roundhouse LLC d/b/a TnTs Roundhouse (190701005)**

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Garcia moved that Board issue a video gaming establishment license to **Judy's Place, Inc. d/b/a Judy's Place** for a period of one year, expiring in September 2020, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before October 31, 2019. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. Member Dolins recused himself. The motion passed 4/0 via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board table the applications of **Trudy's Cafe LLC d/b/a Trudy's Café (180704167) Sauk Village; and Trudy's Cafe LLC d/b/a Trudy's Café (180703393)** to afford the applicant time to seek leave from the Board to withdraw these applications if it so chooses. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Ramirez moved that the Board **renew** the licenses of Retail Establishments, Truck Stop Establishments, Veterans Establishments and Fraternal Establishments that were licensed or renewed in September 2018 and that have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fee, and are otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules; and that the Board authorize the Administrator **issue Notices of Non-renewal** to the following:

- **Charles H & Sandra N Sine d/b/a The Pub Club Broadway**
- **Carpentersville V.F.W. Post No. 5915 Inc. d/b/a Carpentersville VFW Post No. 5915**

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board rescind its prior non-renewal and renew **Tumbles, Inc. d/b/a Wunder Y Tap's** license retroactive to August 2018, subject to said location's payment of its 2018 and 2019 renewal fees. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

September 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
REQUESTS FOR HEARING, REQUESTS TO REAPPLY

Requests for Hearing

Member Hayden moved that the Board deny the hearing request submitted by **Lyndale Tawon Parker**. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that that the Board grant the hearing request submitted by **Sauced Pub, Inc. d/b/a Sauced Pub**. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that that the Board grant the hearing request submitted by **Priya Tobacco Inc. d/b/a The Tobacco Shop**. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that that the Board rescind its prior denial and grant licensure to **Shivansh Inc. d/b/a Livingston IGA**. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Garcia moved that that the Board grant the hearing request submitted by **Napoli Cucina LLC d/b/a Canta Napoli**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that that the Board grant the hearing request submitted by **Tacos san Jose, Inc. d/b/a Tacos San Jose**. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Garcia moved that that the Board grant a hearing to **Sisco's Sports Bar LLC d/b/a Sisco's Sports Bar LLC**. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

LITIGATION/SETTLEMENTS

Member Dolins moved that the Board adopt Administrative Law Judge's recommendations in both **DC-17-27 In re: Timothy Adams 18 GB 039** and **DC-17-28 In re: Michael Fan 18 GB 040** and issue final Board orders revoking their respective licenses. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board adopt Administrative Law Judge's recommendations in **DC-V-18-076 In re: Michael J. Whitaker Sr. d/b/a Charlie's Lounge 18 GB 055** and issue a final Board order revoking his license. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

ADJOURN

Member Dolins moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

ⁱ Amended by Board motion November 7, 2019.